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Sir:

On August 31, 2000, Applicants' undersigned agent filed the original application documents for the above-referenced application. Applicants have not yet received a first Office Action on the merits. Applicants hereby respectfully request the Patent Office to notify Applicant as to the status of this matter.

Should any fees be required, the Commissioner of hereby authorized to charge such fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-70200/RCK.

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